

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FIRSTS

The First...

- ...Automobile in San Fernando appeared in 1910 and was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Topel.
- ...Christmas decorations in Northridge were on Reseda Blvd. in 1936.
- ...Church in Northridge was the Zelzah Norsk Evangelisk Luther's Kirke, built in 1917 by six families of Norwegian descent. It is still standing at 18531 Gresham and is now the Faith Bible Church.
- ...Electric stop-signals in North Hollywood were installed in 1949.
- ...Industry in San Fernando was citrus growing which emerged after the opening of the Owen's River Aqueduct in 1913.
- ...Lumber company in Northridge was the Hammond Lumber Yard, circa 1914.
- ...Railroad through Cahuenga Pass (Los Angeles/San Fernando Valley) was the Los Angeles Pacific Railway (later the Pacific Electric Railway), begun in 1911.
- ...Railroad to Northern California was the Southern Pacific, 1889.
- ...Railroad to Southern California was the Cahuenga Railroad, prior to the days of the Southern Pacific.
- ...School in Northridge was a converted bunkhouse at Canby and Rayen Streets, circa 1911.
- ...School in the Valley was the Lankershim School in North Hollywood, circa 1895.
- ...Stageline through the Valley was the Butterfield Line, 1854.

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